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INTRODUCTION: Tale week, for the first time since the Moscow Conference aftermath several months ago, a great deal of Soviet-controlled Germen radio attention is given to the approaching London Conference. The plea for reparations has not yet re-appeared as a major thems in Soviet broadcasts, but there is an extraordinary enough of emphasis on the there of German unity, with the pridiction that the Lorion Conference will decide whether Germany is to be "permanently split up"; and the Soviet-zone radio also gives major attoation to the wovenest for all-German representation in London. The Priedenstarg committee of German party leaders, "to inform the foreign ministers of the German view," is given whice publicity: Schunecher's unwillingness to cooperate with it is called "incomprehensible"; the support of CDV and LDF leaders is publicized; and the V.S. is said to be unwilling to grant to the German people as a whole the elementary right to "express an opinion" on their own fate.

Clay to anti-totalizarian policy is denounced by both Moscow and Soviet-zons German radios as "fascist," as anti-Soviet (and hence "war-broeding"), and as a device to make the disnembersent of Germany "palatable" to the Germans.

- 1. FOTSDAM ACREEMENT: Slighted, except in the context of the unity theme. It is recalled that the Potedan declaions "provided for German unity."
- 2. GEMAR UNITY: The previously large amount of attention to German unity has groatly increased in anticipation of the London Conference, and is by all odds the chief

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single theme in that conte	rt. All-German	n representatio	on is especially	stressed. !	There
are pleas for trade-union	inity across zo	onal boundaries	protests agei	nst economic	
mion of the Saar with Fra	non; references	s to the Zeitz	(Saxony) plebis	cite which he	eavily
favors unity; quotetions f	rom Kaels of th	he LDP and Kais	er of the CDU f	avoring an a	11-

German government; and an assertion that Senator Vandenberg favors the Hoover proposal for a separate peace with a west-German state, to be created after the London Conference

breaks down.

3. DEMILITARIZATION: Slighted.

4. DENAZIFICATION: Slighted, except for the assertion that Clay's anti-totalitarian information policy is welcomed by the "many Mazis" in the western zones.

- 5. ECOWOMIC CONTROL: Familiar statements are often repeated, such as: "American capital is trying to dominate western Gormany completely," and "the Washington agreement marks... the eviction of Great Britain from the Ruhr, that old stronghold of British influence." Dismentlings are described as excessive.
  - 6. REPARATIONS: Slighted.
  - 7. ECONOMIC FAILURE: The "economic anarchy" in western Germany is referred to.
- the press conference of 14 August at which Clay is alleged to have amounced the aband nement of socialization as a "condition" of increased American help. It is also said that, in the recent Anglo-American agreement, "one has completely forgotten the plan of socialization of the Ruhr industry which the Labor Government expounded so vociferously."
- 9. SUSTRIA (an right-month survey): The pattern of breadcasts with regard to Austria, during the past eight months, has been remarkably similar to the jattern with regard to Germany. For instance, as in the case of Germany, the following ideas are stressed: the threat of American dollars to national independence; the Soviet desire to promote national independence; the "reactionary," pro-American stand of non-Communist parties (People's Party and Socialists); coddling of Nazis and "Austre-fascists"; hunger in the western zones and productive efficiency in the Soviet zone; the need for land reform; the need to repatriate displaced persons. As in the case of Germany, the right of the Soviet Union to reparations ("Wazi assets" in this case) was asserted during the Aoscow Conference, but has been neglected since then. The assertion of Austrian war-guilt, made during the Moscow Conference, has also been allowed to lapse,

Two differences in Soviet propaganda about Germany and Austria are: (a) In the case of Austria there is no stress at all on the idea of national unity. In fact, any

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suggestion of unity as between Germany and German-speaking Anatria is branded as fascistic "pan-German propaganda," (b) There has been little stress, as yet, on the London Conference. The question of the Austrian peace treaty has been scarcely mentioned, and there has been no monitored discussion of the withdrawal of troops, or its relation to Austrian independence.

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